C1

a search tool for searching the query store against a constructed query; and

query submission means for selecting between a constructed query and a

query located against it from the query store by the search tool, and for submitting the

selected query to a database.

C2

6.   (*Amended*)   A method of accessing a database, the method comprising:

constructing a database query;

searching a query store containing previously constructed database queries

against the constructed query, said query store being separate from said database;

selecting between the constructed query and a query located against it

from the query store of previously constructed queries during the searching step; and

submitting the selected query to the database.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 are pending. By the present

amendment, claims 1 and 6 have been amended for clarity.

The rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Molloy (U.S. Patent

No. 5,787,234) in view of Ferrel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,907,837, hereinafter "Ferrel") is

respectfully traversed. The comments made with respect to Molloy in the previous

response are incorporated herein by reference.

Contrary to the allegations set forth in the final Office Action, there is no teaching

or suggestion in Molloy of the specifically claimed features of *providing a store of*